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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 70

Introduced by Senator Gaines

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 70—Relative to the National Day
of the Cowboy *and* Cowgirl.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 70, as amended, Gaines. The National Day of the Cowboy *and*
Cowgirl.

This measure would recognize and designate the 4th Saturday of
every July, in perpetuity, as the National Day of the Cowboy *and*
Cowgirl, and would encourage the people of the State of California to
observe the day with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, Pioneering men and women together built the
- 2 strong framework of this nation through their ability to develop
- 3 farmland, establish ranches, and successfully provide the
- 4 agricultural products that feed this growing nation and much of
- 5 the world; and

1 WHEREAS, The descendants of those pioneers, and those
2 influenced by their endeavors, have continued that tradition and
3 noble life's work; and

4 *WHEREAS, In California, the vaqueros and rancheros*
5 *contributed significantly to our western heritage; and*

6 WHEREAS, Through cultural influence and the spirit of
7 competition among those hardworking ranchers and farmers, often
8 referred to as ~~“cowboys,”~~ “cowboys” and “cowgirls”, the rodeo
9 was introduced to the West, defining a whole new branch of the
10 ranching and farming experience; and

11 WHEREAS, Through their hard work, honesty, and
12 perseverance, cowboys *and cowgirls* have earned a reputation of
13 integrity, patriotism, and a desire to preserve the uniquely
14 American traditions of their trade; and

15 WHEREAS, The young people of this country have embraced
16 the lifestyle of the cowboy through organized activities such as
17 Future Farmers of America, 4-H, and other educational endeavors
18 to prepare them for their role in the ongoing cowboy lifestyle; and

19 WHEREAS, Today's cowboys and cowgirls continue to strive
20 to serve, preserve, and perpetuate this very foundation of America's
21 heritage, not only through the efforts of working cowboys *and*
22 *cowgirls*, but through the efforts of many statewide organizations
23 that, each day, recognize the significance and value of the cowboy
24 lifestyle; and

25 WHEREAS, The cowboy ~~continues~~ *and the cowgirl continue*
26 to be ~~an excellent steward~~ *stewards* of this land and its creatures;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, The cowboy ~~continues~~ *and the cowgirl continue*
29 to be ~~a vital part~~ *parts* of the nation, and in particular, the economy
30 of this great State of California; and

31 WHEREAS, Through determination and skill, commitment,
32 and sacrifice, *the vaquero, the ranchero*, the farmer, rancher, ~~and~~
33 cowboy, *and cowgirl* continue, and will continue, to produce the
34 products that feed and clothe this nation; and

35 WHEREAS, Through work and through play, in the movies or
36 in the fields, raising crops, herding cattle, raising pigs or sheep, or
37 bronc busting in a rodeo, the cowboy ~~is a~~ *and the cowgirl are* true
38 American ~~icons~~, *icons*, worthy of recognition and honor; now,
39 therefore, be it

1 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the Assembly*
2 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature recognizes and designates
3 the 4th Saturday of every July, in perpetuity, as the National Day
4 of the Cowboy *and Cowgirl*; and be it further

5 *Resolved*, That the Legislature encourages the people of the
6 great State of California to observe this day with appropriate
7 ceremonies and activities honoring those strong and honorable
8 citizens of this state who, by their efforts and contributions, have
9 earned the ~~title~~ *titles* of “cowboy” *and “cowgirl”*; and be it further

10 *Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
11 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.